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FOR OPTIMIZING PACKET
LENGTH IN TOL NETWORKS**

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 27, 2003, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims based upon the remarks that follow:

A listing the claims begins on the following page.

Remarks begin on page 5.